

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on March 12, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck (D)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)  
Rep. John L. Holden (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donna Grace, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 609, 3/5/1999

Executive Action:

HB 655 - Table  
HB 174 - Discussion  
HB 393 - Discussion  
HB 513 - Discussion

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**Discussion on HB 174:**

**Rep. Story** presented the report of the sub-committee who had considered ways of continuing with executive action on HB 174.  
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**HEARING ON HB 609**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**Rep. Chase Hibbard, House District 54**  
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**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Sen. Chris Christiaens, Senate District 23**  
**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.2}**

**Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue. EXHIBIT(tah56a01)**  
**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.9}**

**Brian Katttn, Helena**  
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**Bill Gowan, Helena**  
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**Tom Ebzery, Billings EXHIBIT(tah56a02)**  
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**Jan Sinamon, Helena**

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Chuck Hunter, Helena

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Mona Jamison, Wine Institute

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Gary Spaeth, Helena

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Opponents' Testimony:

Len Eckles, Helena, Pan Handler **EXHIBIT**(tah56a03)

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David Morrison, Distributor, Missoula

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Brian Clark, Fun Beverage, Inc., Kalispell

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Greg Carter, Vehes Wine, Inc. **EXHIBIT**(tah56a04)

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Tim France, Worden's Market, Missoula

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Jim Wood, Bitterroot Grocery

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Dexter McCreary, Osco Drug

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Don Brocopp, Intermountain Distributors

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Small Wholesaler, Miles City

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Robert Zucconi, Zeke's Distributor

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Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

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**Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association**

**EXHIBIT**(tah56a05)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 655**

**Motion:**

**Rep. Guggenheim MOVED DO PASS.**

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.7}*

**Discussion:**

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.4}*

**Substitute Motion/Vote:**

**Rep. Rehbein MOVED to TABLE HB 655.** On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 13 - 7. Story, Orr, Holden, Rose, Jackson, Harrington, Dale, Erickson, Rehbein, Beck, Davies, Hanson and Hibbard voting yes; Schmidt, Guggenheim, Somerville, Fuchs, Harper, Raney and Gillan voting no.

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The Committee reviewed a printed copy of the conceptual amendments made to HB 393 during executive action which took place on March 8. The Committee approved the amendments and the Committee Report will be filed.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5}*

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 513**

**Motion:**

Rep. Holden MOVED DO PASS on HB 513. Rep. Holden presented the report from the sub-committee on HB 513.

***{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8}***

**Discussion:**

**EXHIBIT**(tah56a06); **EXHIBIT**(tah56a07) - Amendment #51301;

**EXHIBIT**(tah56a08) - Amendment #51302

***{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8}***

**Motion:**

Rep. Holden MOVED to adopt Amendment #51301.

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**Vote:**

On a voice vote the **MOTION PASSED, 16 - 4.** Orr, Schmidt, Holden, Rose, Guggenheim, Harrington, Dale, Somerville, Erickson, Rehbein, Beck, Davies, Fuchs, Harper, Raney and Hibbard voting yes; Story, Jackson, Gillan, and Hanson voting no.

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**Discussion:**

Further action on the bill was postponed.

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Adjourn.

***{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.6}***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.

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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

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DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

**EXHIBIT (tah56aad)**